

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Herein disclosed a speech synthesis apparatus for and a speech synthesis method of synthesizing a speech in accordance with text data inputted therein to output a speech consisting of recorded speech portions and synthesized speech portions with reverberation properties identical to those of the recorded speech portions in which the synthesized speech portions with reverberation properties is substantially greater in the amplitude than the recorded speech portions to reduce a feeling of strangeness due to the difference in sound quality between the recorded speech portions and the synthesized speech portions.

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